

MINUTES of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th July 2014 held in Cradley Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present – Cllrs C. Lowder (in the Chair) K. Nason (KN) A. Eldridge (AE) G. Fielding (GF) S. Davies (SD) F. Beard (FB) T. Iwanczuk (TI) A. Symondson (AS) and A. Carver (AC).

Also in attendance were Mr. David Pye, Mr. M. Hames and the Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting had been received and were approved from S. Herriot, W. Harries, T. Lloyd Jones and C. Lambert.

Declarations of Interest – KN and the Chairman declared a personal interest in the payments due to Cradley Village Hall.

Minutes – The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2014 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Parish Council Vacancy – Attending the meeting was Mr. David Pye from Storridge and the Clerk had circulated all Councillors with a copy of his application to become a Parish Councillor. **On a proposal by the Chairman**, seconded by A. Symondson and carried David Pye was duly elected as a Parish Councillor, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk and joined the meeting.

Update Reports –

- 1) Rectory Lane – KN advised Councillors of the recent correspondence between himself and Will Steel from Herefordshire Council, the outcome being that the lane has now been adopted by Herefordshire Council and although the final paperwork had not yet been registered with the Government, this does not affect Herefordshire Council's responsibility for maintenance. Clerk to pursue meeting on site with Will Steel and some Parish Council members to establish what work needs to be done to bring the lane up to an acceptable standard. M. Hames advised that Amey had previously advised what work was required and felt that we should endeavour to obtain a copy of their recommendations and drawings concerning the type of repairs up to (1) the Lychgate and then (2) up to the Village Hall.
- 2) Proposed gym at Chapel Lane – The Chairman asked for this matter to be deferred for the time being.
- 3) Grass Cutting – Following the termination of the Contract with "Signature Gardens", KN advised that alternative Quotes had been sought for the work which included contact with Festival Housing Contractors who already cut grass in the area around The Leys. Contact had been made with Mr Ed Price who previously had worked for a Housing Association, and although his prices were slightly higher, it was felt that he had a better ability to carry out the work due to the equipment available to him. Once the closing date for Quotations had passed, the Contract was given to Mr Ed Price for a period of two to three years dependent upon ability and performance and an agreed schedule of work was drawn up. **Council much appreciated that local farmer Andrew Green had generously mown the main area at Chapel Lane, pro bono, to enable the grass to be kept to an acceptable standard prior to a new Contractor being appointed.**
- 4) Pot holes and new Locality Steward – Some pot holes around the Village had been repaired by sub contractors and it was hoped further work would shortly be carried out. The Clerk advised that Neil James the new Locality Steward for Balfour Beatty proposed to visit all Parish Councils during the next twelve months.

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Items for Consideration –

- 1) Cluster Group – The Chairman reported that he had attended a Cluster group meeting in Cradley when it had been announced that a number of parishes within the group wished to resign resulting in the overall future of the Group being in doubt. In addition, the Chairman of the group had resigned and Cllr. Phil Bettington had duly been elected as the new Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr Chris Lowder that Cradley should remain as part of the group, at least for the time being, and the Clerk was to advise the secretary Janet Chester and Phil Bettington of the continued support from Cradley. It was confirmed that AC was the representative for Cradley Parish Council and in the event that she was unable to attend a meeting, an alternative representative would attend on our behalf.
- 2) Heart of the Village – AE put forward his proposals to Councillors urging Cradley Parish Council to give due consideration into the provision of a “heart of the village” in the Kingsbridge area. Quite obviously this would involve the acquisition of land, and in the first instance, it was proposed that the Council write to the three land owners concerned to ascertain their willingness to sell the land so that the whole project can be owned and managed by the community. Once the land owners agreement had been obtained, funding would be a major consideration. Rough sketch drawings were handed out to enable full consideration and following discussion the Chairman sought the views of individual Councillors round the table, resulting in seven Councillors totally in favour, one deferring judgement and one expressing full support once the agreement of the land owners had been obtained. The Clerk was to deliver letters to AE to enable them to be delivered by hand to the three land owners concerned and it was agreed that the Parish Council Working Group (consisting of the Chairman, AE, TI, SH and Wynne Harries) would report back to full Council at the next Parish Council meeting.

Finance – The following Accounts were presented for payment –

• Inland Revenue, PAYE	£150.00.
• CV Hall, hire fees	£16.80.
• CV Hall, various photocopying	£86.01.
• Local Council Review subscription	£17.00.
• G. Fielding, expenses re notice board renovation (as agreed)	£73.31.
• Register of Data controllers	£35.00.

On a proposal by KN seconded by SD and carried, the Accounts in favour of Inland Revenue, Local Council review, G. Fielding and Data Controllers were approved for payment and cheques signed accordingly.

FB took the Chair and on a proposal by AS seconded by AE and carried the two Accounts in favour of CV Hall were approved for payment and cheques signed accordingly.

Reports from various Committees and Working Parties –

Planning – the following applications had been discussed prior to the meeting of the full Council –

Application No. P141155/F – land adjacent Stone House, Bromyard Road, WR13 5JN – proposed single storey dwelling with detached double garage – ***whilst the Parish Council agree in principle for a house on this site, they are unhappy about the design of the proposed property.***

Application No. P141238/L – Eastbury Cottage, Halesend Estate, WR13 5EW – proposed replacement of brick part of plinth with stone and replace brick infill panels with wood wool board, sheepswool insulation, breather membrane with internal lime plaster and external lime render – ***no objections raised.***

Application No. P141688/L – Wold Cottage, Cradley, WR13 5LF – alterations to create a study/single bedroom – ***no objections raised.***

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Application No. 141548/FH – The Uplands, Westfields, WR13 5HZ – proposed construction of two storey extension – ***no objections raised.***

Application No. P141683/FH – Archers Mill, Cradley, WR13 5NR – detached single storey residential annex – ***in principle we have no objections but are unhappy that the proposal encroaches onto agricultural land and we feel that the materials used should match the existing buildings.***

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) - TLJ not in attendance. Chairman advised on information received at Planning for Real meetings at Cradley and Storridge. Once the information has been analysed the plan will be written up and presented to the Village in a referendum.

Environmental Group/Footpaths – no report available.

Churchyards Group – Nothing to report.

Recreation – New contractors appointed for play area maintenance as previously advised, work proceeding well and many trees and shrubs planted.

Editorial Group – KN advised website still in use but nothing of importance to report.

Correspondence –

- E-mail from Pete Baker, former owner of the Post Office Stores, asking the Parish Council to give an update report on the current situation.
- E-mail from Cllr. Phil Bettington regarding the future of Ledbury Cluster Group.
- E-mail from Neil James, Balfour Beatty new Locality Steward for the area advising that he proposes to attend a PC meeting during next twelve months.
- E-mail – Dick Harris regarding condition of footpath at bottom of Huntingdon. The Chairman reported on the problems with this footpath between the new development at Finchers Corner and the lane to Huntingdon, and the Clerk was asked to write Hereford Council that some work was required to their footpath.
- E-mail invitation to Councillors to attend Herefordshire Council's budget consultation meeting on 24th July at 35 Hafod Road at 6.30pm.

Literature –

- Clerks & Councils Direct magazine for July 2014.
- The Clerk magazine –July 2014.
- Local Council Review summer magazine.

Newsletter items to include update on Rerctory Lane, new grass contractors for play areas and work carried out by Councillors at Chapel Lane, pot-hole update, future of Cluster Group, update on NDP .

Councillor's reports – the Chairman advised that although the Parish clock had stopped, he had been in touch with maintenance engineers who had assured him that they would attend and repair so that clock was working for the village fete. Concerns raised about hedge uncut on bad bend above the shop and KN agreed to speak with land owner. It was also noted that the speed sign opposite Mapedge was hidden by foliage, but noted that Herefordshire Council had cut back on cutting of verges due to financial restrictions.

G. Fielding asked for item on next Agenda concerning new drainage required to road surface at Chapel Lane.

It was also noted that a planning application for 46 houses was proposed in Bosbury. Clerk to seek update from Hereford Planning regarding application for up to 60 houses off Pixiefield.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Next meeting to take place on 12th August 2014, but in the meantime, some Councillors were reminded about meeting with Police and Housing Association Representatives which was taking place on 16th July 2014 at 2pm in Cradley Village Hall.

C.Lowder

12th August 2014.

Signed..... Dated.....
Chairman.

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Present – ALAN ELDRIDGE (in the Chair) A. Carver, T. Iwanczuk, K. Nason, G. Fielding and C. Lowder.

Also present were two members of the public and the Agent for the owner concerning the application for the single dwelling on land adjacent to Stone House, Bromyard Road.

Apologies for inability to attend had been received and were approved from W. Harries, C. Lambert, T.Lloyd-Jones and S.Herriot.

Minutes – The Minutes of the previous Planning Committee meeting held on 10th June 2014 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda – none received.

The following applications had been received for consideration –

Application No. P141155/F – Stone House, Bromyard Road, WR13 5JN – proposed single storey dwelling with detached double garage –Following discussion by Councillors the Agent for the owner was invited to speak and assured Councillors that the property would be built to passive standard. It was generally agreed by Councillors that ***“we approve the idea of a house being built on the site, but that we are very unhappy about the proposed design”***.

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incorporated into the proposal. We are also of the opinion that the same material should be used as already exists.

The Chairman advised that the application for Vinesend Farm had been rejected at appeal as it was felt that the buildings were not of suitable merit. The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

Alan Eldridge

12th August 2014.

Signed..... Dated.....

Chairman